

VERMONT POLITICS—THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—A gossiping letter, dated at Bellows Falls, appeared in the Springfield Republican last week, which has attracted some attention, mainly from its foolish speculations on the subject of the success of Mr. Morrill, in the Second District, in case that gentleman sees fit to decline another reelection. We copy the writer's list of candidates:

As Mr. Morrill retires at the close of the present Congress to be a candidate for the Senate, there is to be a free fight in the second district. At last accounts there were no less than sixteen candidates in the field, with good prospects of increasing a brigade before the convention at White River Junction, in July. Owing to the senatorial candidates residing in Orange and Caledonia counties, there will be but few candidates for representative from that part of the district, but the surplus in Windsor and Windham will make good any deficiency. As Mr. Morrill's preference is in Congress, Andrew Tracy, was a resident of Windsor, and that county has two United States officials, district attorney and probate judge. The Windsor candidates are anxious of success. Among the talked of candidates are the following:

From Caledonia county, Ross N. Davis of Danville, formerly sheriff of the county, and who, while discharging his duties in that capacity, was attacked and nearly killed by "Brisson's" men. His rival is Jonathan Ross of Johnsonbury. For Windsor county, P. T. Washburn, assistant judge of the State, formerly lieutenant colonel of the 1st Vermont three months regiment, commander of Vermont troops at Big Bethel and a lawyer by profession; O. P. Chandler of Woodstock, lawyer and a member of the last legislature; P. C. Bennett of Fayston, United States district attorney; Hugh H. Henry of Chester, United States marshal; Dr. Thomas E. Powers, probate judge of Caledonia county, formerly of Woodstock; A. V. Hunter of Bethel, a lawyer and once a speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives. From Windham county Henry B. Stoughton of Bellows Falls, a lawyer and father of Gen. Stoughton; ex-Gov. F. H. Hall; Charles K. Field, lawyer, George Howe, probate judge of Windham county, formerly in the Vermont Senate, and a member of the last legislature; A. V. Hunter of Bethel, a lawyer and once a speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives. From Windham county Henry B. Stoughton of Bellows Falls, a lawyer and father of Gen. Stoughton; ex-Gov. F. H. Hall; Charles K. Field, lawyer, George Howe, probate judge of Windham county, formerly in the Vermont Senate, and a member of the last legislature.

Off the list of candidates General Washburn, Mr. Henry and Mr. Bennett are likely to stand the highest. Mr. Henry, however, will not "go in" unless the probabilities of winning are good. He will keep up a good deal of skirmishing along the line, but he is not "in" to throw himself away. In Windham county Mr. Stoughton is regarded as one of the ablest men of the state, and had he not been elected to the Vermont Senate, he would have been a candidate for Governor. He is a native of Chester and was a member of the Vermont House of Representatives. He is a native of Chester and was a member of the Vermont House of Representatives. He is a native of Chester and was a member of the Vermont House of Representatives.

At least half of the worthy gentlemen named above, are much more likely to be struck by lightning, than to be seriously named for Congress in any nominating convention. The Bellows Falls Times says the latter is wholly a fruitless production, got up by some of the numerous editors in that place, who, for some good reason, preferred to publish it second hand; that if half the brigade mentioned as candidates for Congress are going to run, any writer there would "mention" at least thirty or forty more good men from that town, and that Hon. Abiel Stoddard is not Judge of Probate for Marlboro district.

ARREST OF BURLINGTON BILL IN CANADA.—Some months since the Gore Bank, at Guelph, Canada, was entered and an unsuccessful attempt made to rob it. Two persons were convicted and sentenced for it. The third party escaped. This party was known to be the veritable Billiard Bill, now going under the name of Henry Parker. It was found out that he had gone to Rochester, N. Y., but that his wife was still residing at his home in Burlington, C. W. The house has ever since been closely watched, and last week it was ascertained that he had returned home, in disguise. A large body of policemen were then collected, clad in citizen's dress, and entered into the vicinity of the premises. There, at a given signal, they closed on the house, front and rear. The captain of the squad then entered, and found Parker in a back room, who quietly submitted to be frisked, without exhibiting great alarm and dismay. A workshop and stock of burglar's tools were found on the premises, though it had evidently not been lately used, owing to the absence of the burglar. The house was elegantly furnished, but the indications were that Parker was preparing for a change of base, as the carpets were being taken up, and furniture ready for packing. The prisoner is described as somewhat advanced in years, and has the usual suspicious appearance of rogues of his distinction.

Billard Bill has kept very quiet the past three or four years, being so well-known to the police of the country that it was difficult for him to "operate" without being suspected.

Scraps.
Every bear should be taught to dance, for what is the use of brain without legs?

The Mayor of a Western town proposes to kill half the dogs in the place, and tan their hides with the hair of the other half.

Josh Billings says he has waited patiently for more than twenty-five years for the millennium to commence—and just look at butter fifty cents a pound.

Quip says he is firmly persuaded that the "sack man" of Mexico will be cured eventually by Monroe doctrine.

A husband old gentleman in Wall street was pointed out to a young man as having been a Collector of the Port of New York for over fifty years. He looked so, and the Port seemed to agree with him.—*Sat. Press.*

Why is President Johnson like Chinaman? Because he's the greatest of all the Andies.

You never should place so much confidence in your minister as to sleep during the sermon.

The Bill-wicker's Paradise—The Great Wall of China.—[Punch.]

Doctor, mother sent me down to shuck-ery pop, quicker than a blow on a baby's cheek, and she wants a thimbleful of polyglot in this digger, and we ladies 're not a godly land, and the kid pap's got the line writers in it, Gouty?

A man with a long head is not apt to be headlong.

"Well, Bright, if I engage you, I shall want you to stay at home whenever I shall wish to go out." "Well, ma'am, I have no objection, provided you do the same when I wish to go out."

An editor in describing the doings of a mad dog, says: "He bit the cow in the neck which has since died." This was very unfortunate for the tail; but we naturally feel some interest to know what became of the cow.

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